

STATE OF NEBRASKA



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MEMORANDUM



STATE FIRE MARSHAL
Dennis Hohbein
Fire Marshal

To: State Fire Marshal Inspectors
Delegated Authorities

From: Doug Hohbein
Chief Plans Examiner

Date: April 7, 2006

Re: General Fire Extinguishers

The company manufacturing General Fire Extinguishers went out of business some time ago. The company that bought the General Fire Extinguisher brand name, Amerex, no longer produces the extinguishers.

Because of these actions, the UL listing for General Fire Extinguishers is no longer valid. This does not mean that the extinguishers are not operable, just that replacement parts and powder may not be available.

General brand fire extinguishers can remain in service so long as they are maintained and annually inspected per NFPA 10. The fire extinguishers must be removed from service when the six-year maintenance or hydrostatic tests are due, or if the extinguisher needs recharging or does not pass the annual inspection for any reason.

This ruling applies to dry-chemical type fire extinguishers only. Loaded stream or other types must be replaced at the time of the next annual inspection.

Any owner or fire extinguisher inspection company can contact this office with questions.

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